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SUBJECT: CLOSE-OUT NEEDS VIS-A-VIS JAPAN--INDUSTRIAL
TARIFFS

1. WITH A FIRM SCHEDULE NOW IN HAND FOR US-JAPAN BILAT-
ERAL NEGOTIATIONS ON AGRICULTURE IN MID-OCTOBER (SEPTTEL)
WE NEED TO MOVE AHEAD WITH PLANS TO TIE UP LOOSE ENDS IN
OTHER ELEMENTS OF OUR OVERALL MTN NEGOTIATIONS WITH JAPAN.
MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION'S JAPAN TEAM ARE DEVELOPING A
DETAILED CHECKLIST AND A DRAFT TIMETABLE FOR RESOLVING
THESE MATTERS, MANY OF WHICH WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO HANDLE
WITHIN SCOPE OF OUR EXISTING INSTRUCTIONS (E.G., WHERE
THERE ARE US-JAPAN DIFFERENCES ON SOME ELEMENTS UNDER
CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS IN MTN CODE CONTEXTS).

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2. ONE AREA WITH MANY LOOSE ENDS REQUIRING WASHINGTON
INSTRUCTIONS IS OUR RESPONSE TO OUTSTANDING JAPANESE
REQUESTS IN INDUSTRIAL TARIFF AREA. WE OWE JAPAN A REPLY
TO:

(A) THE REFINED JAPANESE SPECIAL PRIORITY LIST
CONTAINED IN CASSIDY MEMO TO BARREDA JULY 20 AS AMENDED

GENEVA 11850 CORRECTING FLATWARE REQUEST FROM TSUS 650.15
TO SCISSORS TSUS 650.91;

(B) THEIR REQUEST THAT WE SUPPLY THE SIMPLIFIED
NOMENCLATURE AND OFFER RATES FOR OUR WATCH TARIFF PRO-
VISIONS--GENEVA 11850;

(C) THEIR REQUEST THAT WE SUPPLY THE DATA USED TO
DERIVE THE CONVERTED ASP RATES (MTN DEL HAS NO DATA ON
DUTIES ACTUALLY COLLECTED);

(D) THEIR REQUEST THAT WE FORMALIZE THE U.S. OFFER
ON CERAMIC DINNERWARE AND RESPOND POSITIVELY TO IMPROVE-
MENTS THEY REQUESTED AT MEETING REPORTED GENEVA 11850;

AND (E) THEIR REQUEST THAT WE SUBMIT AN OFFER ON ASP
FOOTWEAR TSUS 700.60.

3. JAPANESE AMBASSADORS SAWAKI AND OHKI COMPLAINED
RATHER BITTERLY TO AMB MCDONALD SEPT 29 (DURING CALL ON
OTHER MATTERS) ABOUT U.S. NON-RESPONSE TO JAPAN ON THESE
POINTS. THEY SAID MINISTER USHIBA IS UNDER ATTACK BY
MITI FOR HAVING GIVEN AWAY ALL OF JAPAN'S INDUSTRIAL CON-
CESSIONS IN BONN WITH NO RESPONSE BY U.S. TO JAPAN'S
REQUESTS. THEY SAID EFFORTS AT STAFF LEVELS TO FIX A
DATE FOR COMPLETION OF US-JAPAN INDUSTRIAL TARIFF NEGOTI-
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ATIONS HAVE BEEN REBUFFED BY U.S., RAISING SUSPICION IN
MITI THAT U.S. IS GOING TO TRY TO POCKET THE CONCESSIONS
JAPAN MADE IN BONN WITHOUT MEETING JAPAN'S REQUESTS OR
EVEN ANSWERING THEM AT ALL. WE TOLD SAWAKI AND OHKI U.S.
WOULD RESPOND IN DUE COURSE, BUT UNTIL WE COULD SEE THE
SHAPE OF AN ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO US-JAPAN AGRICULTURAL
PROBLEMS, THERE WAS NO POSSIBILITY OF DEFINITELY
SETTLING OUR INDUSTRIAL TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: INSTRUCTIONS ON TOPICS LISTED
PARA 2 ABOVE ASAP. WE SHOULD TRY TO CLEAR THESE AWAY AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE BEFORE HIGH-LEVEL US-JAPAN AGRICULTURE
NEGOTIATIONS OCT 16 TO AVOID U.S. NON-RESPONSE GIVING
JAPAN AN ADDITIONAL EXCUSE TO HOLD BACK ON AGRICULTURE.
TO EXTENT WE CAN RESPOND POSITIVELY TO SOME OF JAPAN'S
REQUESTS, WE CAN DOLE THEM OUT ONE SPOONFUL AT A TIME
AS NEEDED TO KEEP THE OVERALL NEGOTIATING ENVIRONMENT
MOVING ALONG TOWARD THE CLOSE.

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